GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BLOOD BANKS WITHOUT PATHOLOGISTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Blood Banks of the Government hospitals in Delhi are functioning without qualified pathologists or being managed by MBBS medical officers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c). All blood banks in the Country are licenced for operation under the Drugs and CosmeticRules 1945 with subsequent amendments. According to the provisions of these Rules, it is not necessary to have a Post Graduate in Pathology to supervise a blood bank. To obtain a licence, it is sufficient to have an MBBS Doctor with either a Diploma inClinical Pathology or with one year experience in a blood bank. No blood bank in the country can operate if these minimum requirements of educational qualification/ experience are not met.